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*and*  
 Mr. John Richardson, Jr.  
 President, Free Europe Committee  
 2 Park Avenue  
 New York, New York

Dear John:

I attach an interesting suggestion for broadcasting to East Europe by Mr. G. I. Coons of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York, together with my reply to Mr. Coons.

Though I am sure that Radio Free Europe has always made good use of Soviet admissions of economic discrimination against the East European satellites, I naturally did not wish to respond on behalf of RFE on this point.

Perhaps you would be good enough to send along assurances to Mr. Coons that RFE does use this sort of information and that his helpful interest is appreciated. We understand that Mr. Coons is employed in the Accounting Operations Branch of General Electric's Schenectady office under Mr. Tim Doty. Contributions from that office to the Radio Free Europe Fund are under the name of Mr. Doty.

If the specific reference he points to could be used in a broadcast, this would probably also be useful to report to him.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles

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*Recd*  
Mr. G. I. Coons  
General Electric Company  
Schenectady, New York

Dear Mr. Coons:

I thank you for your helpful suggestion for broadcasting to East Europe.

I am unable to speak directly to your question of whether evidence of Soviet economic discrimination against the Satellites is used in RFE broadcasts. However, because of the obvious merit of your suggestion and its suitability for use in unofficial broadcasts, I have taken the liberty of sending it along to Mr. John Richardson, Jr., President of the Free Europe Committee, with the request that he get in touch with you about it.

Thank you again for your constructive interest.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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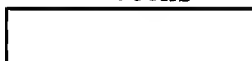
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Mr. Allan Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Are we making good use of the attached in our  
broadcasts to satellite countries?

(signed) G. I. Coons



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(Return address on envelope:  
General Electric Company  
Mr. G. I. Coons  
Schenectady, New York)

NOTE FOR RECORD: The attachment was a June 1961 28-page pamphlet issued by Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., 150 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. to Shareholders. Mr. Coons referred to a comparison on page 26, thereof, of "Two Prices for Russian Crude Oil" indicating \$1.89 per barrel as Soviet Price to Free World as compared with \$3.02 per barrel as the Soviet Price to Satellite Countries.

Basic fwd to Mr. John Richardson, Pres, FEC